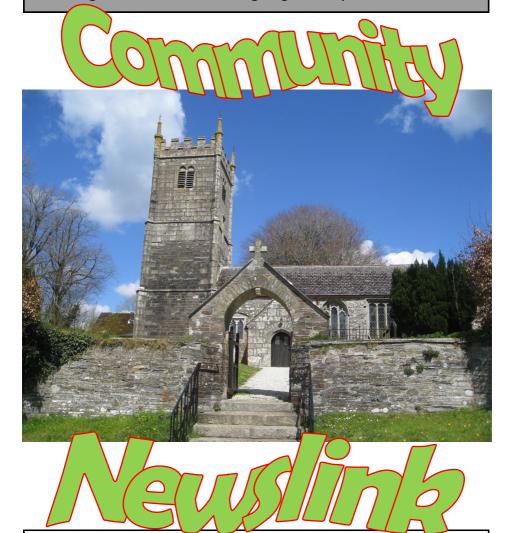
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Heidi 07889775519 or Hannah 07590264063

# Thank you Audrey



We (all forty-four of us) really enjoyed your annual outing and look forward to next year!

# The Community Newslink

A MONTHLY MAGAZINE PROVIDING NEWS, INFORMATION AND ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR THE AREAS OF LEWDOWN, CHILLATON, CORYTON, STOWFORD AND MARYSTOWWE, THRUSHELTON, LEWTRENCHARD

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Cover Picture - Marystowe Church—see report on page 22

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**Dear readers**, now i have your undivided attention i will get started with the normal pile of stuff and rubbish. People have been telling me recently, that my monthly waffle has been getting shorter and shorter, is there a reason for this. The answer is that because i am normally such a shy and retiring person, a bit of a family trait i believe, some months i just don't have enough words in me to sound remotely interesting, and probably it was not my turn to have the family brain cell.

The present Mrs Nash was furious with me when i told her i had put ginger in the curry. It seems she really loved that cat.

Talking of food and all things produce, i would like to say that my father would be proud of me after winning the men's cooking cup at the Victory hall produce show the other week, OK i have to share it with two other gentlemen who want to remain nameless, one being my son Jonathan, and the other is Mr Jonny Lethbridge. but i think all present agreed that my cider cake was a treat to the eyes, and at the sale afterwards the bids came in thick and fast to try and purchase it, it eventually went for the grand sum of £2.50 a steal to the lucky buyer.

At a recent meeting of the LRA we had a long discussion about the state of our finances, and the way that it has dropped since we have gone to colour. It seems that a side of black and white printing costs about .5p per page but once there is any colour on that page even if it is just a small headline or border the price automatically goes up to 1.5p per page, and over the last 3 months we have printed over 38000 pages with colour, so hence the large increase in costs.

The solution we are going to try is to put all the colour items on the same pages in future, and if you don't mind where possible to switch back to black and white for all items of information. Also if you are prepared to have the link sent to you via the internet then this we can do, there is no waiting for your delivery and think of all the paper you will be saving. If you think this is possible then send your email to lewdownra@gmail.com and Terry will add your name to the list of contacts. Will close now as strictly is back on the tele tonight so i will have to get my sequin shirt out and apply the spray on tan, so my wife and i can try our hand at the pasodoble and the cha cha cha. Not many people know this but in a previous life before i appeared on the seen, the Present Mrs Nash was a bronze medalist at latin and ballroom, i soon put a stop to this as her toes could not stand the constant pain of my two left feet standing on hers. Best wishes from your leader Tim Nash.

My obese parrot has recently died, shame really but it is guite a weight off my shoulder.

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#### **YFC Charity Report**

Lewdown YFC has had another successful year raising money for various charities. Our fundraising started off with our Wild West disco where we decided £800 of the profit is to be split between the clubs chosen charities. Next up in October was our cider and pasty quiz with 16 teams in attendance; we raised £357 for Tavistock memory café. Our next charity event was our second ever tractor run in March where an amazing 85 tractors attended raising a staggering £1250 for MIND and Cancer Research. In April we held our Easter bingo raising a healthy £540 for MIND and FCN. Our most recent charity event was our annual big breakfast with an added cake sale stall which boosted our total raised to £705 for Lewdown victory halls kitchen refurbishment. We also had a kind donation of £179 which we decided to give to Devon Air Ambulance. Another fantastic year raising money for various charities bringing our total raised to £3738.00, none of which could have been done without the members who get stuck in and help whatever way they can and our club leaders and advisory who have given us invaluable advice and help!

Charity	Amount
Devon Air Ambulance	£179
Tavistock Memory Café	£357
MIND	£1000
FCN	£607
Cancer Research	£890
Lewdown Victory Hall	£705

Young farmers has so many opportunities competitions from sports, speaking and stockjudging, skills for life, travel grab them while you can because you will never get another chance once you're out of young farmers age. I hope everyone has enjoyed the two years whilst I have been secretary I may moan or send out too many texts but its been worth it with how much we have achieved as a club. I'm now progressing into group and county roles but will always be here to help whatever I can so it's now time to hand over to a new team-good luck to all the new officers leading Lewdown into the next yfc year.

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# **Lewdown Grouped Parish Council**

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

These abbreviated minutes are provisional until they are agreed and signed by the chairman at the next meeting of the Parish Council

1. Planning - Reference 2161/19/VAR - Proposal – Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) following grant of planning consent 0035/16/OPA (residential development of 14 dwellings with associated road and parking). Location – Land atSX456 868, Cross roads, Lewdown, EX20 4DP

Council decision – Support, proposed – Cllr Yeo, seconded – Cllr Andrews. Comments registered on WDBC. website.

Planning – Reference 3337/18/OPA – Appeal notification. Proposal – Outline planning permission for 3 dwellings 2 in the grounds of the former car park and one log cabin in the grounds of the existing stables. Location – Royal Exchange Inn, Lewdown, Okehampton, EX20 4BX

No council decision – Notification is for information purposes only.

- 2. Report from Cllr Mott WDBC WDBC have arranged a Planning training course on 23rd Sept at Sourton, Village Hall. Cllr Southcott suggested a 'check list' maybe useful to help councilors with planning decisions, Cllr Southcott to arrange. Polling Districts and Places consultation process, it was resolved that current arrangements remain unchanged.
- 3. Lewtrenchard Primary School, wig wag lights Committee report and progress Cllr Southcott had been in discussion with Devon Highways and land owners for the positioning of the W.W.L, license agreements to be drawn up by D.H. Cllr Vanstone suggested that the position of one of the W.W.L. could be closer to an existing street light. It was resolved to approve the provisional expenditure (D.H. estimated cost dated 20.8.19) of the two W.W.L. for the sum of £2564.17. Cllr Southcott to obtain final cost. Cllr Metherall proposed and Cllr Andrews seconded. Cllr Southcott thanks the committee for their help that he had received and for all the previous work done by Cllr Dunn. Cllr Perkins suggested again that it would also be beneficial to have a SCHOOL sign written on the highway as well. Cllr Southcott/committee to enquire.
- 4. BT. Telephone Kiosk in Lewdown Village & Coryton Removal notice. It was resolved to accept the decommissioning of the Lewdown telephone kiosk, Proposed Cllr Wilkinson, seconded Cllr Dawe. It was also resolved that the council wished to purchase the decommissioned telephone kiosk for a cost of £1.00, uses to be considered when the purchase is complete. Proposed Cllr Harrop, seconded Cllr Perkins, one cllr abstained. It was resolved that the telephone kiosk at Coryton was considered a valuable asset in case of an emergency. Cllr Perkins mentioned that there was no mobile phone signal in a 3-4 square mile radius around Coryton. Proposed Cllr Harrop, seconded Cllr Wilkinson.
- 5. Correspondence Laurel Hedge planting at the Wye junction- concerns over safety,

highways ref. ENQ191244193.No further council comment. Road from Cannon Barn dwellings to Thrushelton – hedge pruning's and animal waste on highway + Health and Safety concerns. Unless it was an emergency, the chair did not want to the police contacted for such matters and expressed the wish for dialogue to resolve such matters. In the first instance D.H. should be contacted via their website www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/maintaining-roads The parish council should also be notified so that it can ensure that any issues are followed up.

Meeting closed 9.25pm

Date, time and place of next meeting -30th September 2019-Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30PM

#### Parish Councillors

Andrew Harrop (chair): Tom Andrews (vice chair): Sylvia Crocker: Trevor Dawe: Colin Dunn: George Metherell: Nicola Perkins: Terry Southcott: Owen Vanstone: Brian Wilkinson: Graham Yeo:

Parish Clerk: Peter van Delft Telephone: 01566 783023 Email: lewdowngpc.clerk@gmail.com Website: www,lewdowngroupedpc.org.uk

# Lewdown Past

The Lewdown and area local history group

# Stowford Parish Hall Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm **Dartmoor Stone Circles**and his discovery of the Sittaford stone circle by Alan Endacott

Dartmoor-born archaeologist and former museum curator Alan Endacott has had a life-long interest in a local archaeology. In 2007 he discovered one of only two stone circles found since the 19<sup>th</sup> century which is also the highest in southern England.

Visitors are very welcome but may like to phone 01566 783396 nearer the time to check there has not been a rare change of programme or for further information. Lifts are possible also. Charge £2 for members, £3 for non-members to include refreshments.

In aid of Dunterton Church

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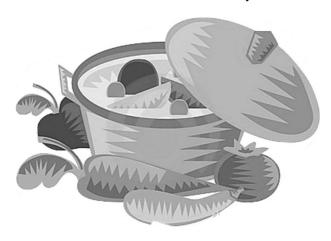


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# **Soupa Troopers**

#### All welcome to this community event



#### 2019

#### Wednesday October 9th

Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup>
Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup> - Xmas Special

From 12.30pm in Lewdown Victory Hall Soup and a Bread Roll, Tea or Coffee - £3



Followed by conversation & games



## **Stowford Parish Hall Hire Charges 2018**

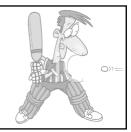
£3 per hour (Special rates for users of over 30 weeks per year £2 per hour) Parties, Wedding, Funerals £20

General and Euro Elections £120

Tables £2 each (plus £20 Deposit) Any number of Chairs 25p each Contact Julie Chick on 01566 783223 for bookings and enquiries

# GRAND JUMBLE SALE At Lewdown Cricket Club

Sat. October 12th at 2pm Entry 50p to include tea, coffee and biscuits Any enquiries - Pauline 07890 797140



# Facilities for Pulping Apples for Juice

From 15th October onwards Contact - George Bellamy Woolacott Farm, Lewdown 01566 783266



£15 Liz Metherell No. 100 £5 Rebecca Chick No. 99 £5 Robert Perkins No. 54



# Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of October Bratton Clovelly Village Hall

7.00 for 7.30pm
Teams of 6 @ £6 per person
(or less if you can't make a full table)
Supper will be served during the interval

There will also be a raffle

A good evening will be had by all... ...we have a new Question Master ©

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Lewdown Victory Hall has refurbished the kitchen with two eyelevel cookers. Also, a dishwasher has been installed.



The hall committee is very grateful for the donations given. The Young farmers club kindly donated a profit from their big breakfast held in June, also monies raised from the soupa-troopers monthly lunch.

A small grant was also applied for, and granted from the West Devon Borough Council.

Many thanks to you all.

#### Calling all Rural Business women

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Sourton, Okehampton, Devon

EX20 4HN

Every 3rd Friday of the month

Time: 12 noon until 2pm

Tea, Coffee and biscuits included

Please bring a packed lunch

#### The format of the meetings

Meet in the hall

- 1-minute introduction of our businesses.
- Women can then choose who they want to connect with whilst walking.
- Once walking, every 5-10 minutes we will choose a different person to speak with
- Refreshments will be provided after the walk and you can continue to network.

To book visit Eventbrite or email chris@time-well-spent.co.uk



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# Lewtrenchard WI. Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September.

This was an open meeting where President Cathie Slocombe welcomed many guests from sister WI's and husbands of our members who had joined us.

The meeting opened with Jerusalem and the notices. Our annual fund raising cream tea August had raised £500 for the Lewtrenchard School Wig-Wag road safety lights. Cathie thanked all involved in making this such a successful event.

We moved onto our guests for the evening, the Ashwater Steel Band. They have been a community band for up to 22 people for around 8 years firstly for children but fast becoming a band for both children and adults.

We were somewhat intrigued by the fact there were around a dozen steel drums and only 3 members of the band present.

We learnt that these bands originated in Trinidad and Tobago between the 1930's to 1940's due to Trinidad being a major oil processing site during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. Steel bands were introduced to Britain in 1953 in the Festival of Britain.

The original instruments were made from old oil drums but are now referred to as pans. The pans are indented into separate notes and each note has 5 tuning sounds with different pans having different tones.

The band members entertained us to some music and then informed us theta they had so many pans there as they wanted volunteers to join them. This was taken up enthusiastically and after a very short time and some practice they played us Sloop John B very expertly. The men were invited to take a turn which was also very successful.

Cathie gave the Vote of Thanks for both entertaining us and teaching us a new musical skill.

The competition 1<sup>st</sup> prize was Marion Lethbridge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Julie Chick and 3<sup>RD</sup> Ruth Dawe.

Next meeting is at Lewdown Victory Hall, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October,7pm. Guest speaker is Jane Howe, 'One Woman, A Harem and 1000 Cows.' All welcome.

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# APPEAL for FUNDING



Your parish council has for years been working to make the roads around the

Lewtrenchard School safer for all particularly at school drop off and pickup times. These efforts have resulted in agreement with Devon County Council Highways to install Wig-Wag signs on the approach to the school on the West Devon Drive (C822) but, the Parish Council need to pay for them.

Your Parish Council has been successful in getting some Grant funding from West Devon Borough Council £1850 and DCC's Cllr Kevin Ball has pledged £500 from his locality fund. The Lewdown WI has raised £500, but this leaves a shortfall. The target is £4500 being the current estimated cost including VAT leaving a balance of £1650 to raise.

Once the funding for the Wig-Wag lights is reached, any, excess will be ring fenced for the ongoing recreation project for "children's playground equipment" on the area known as the "Ramps".

The Parish Councils aim is to have the lights installed as soon as possible. Your donation towards the purchase of the lights would be greatly appreciated.

# Please donate what you can.

Donations can be made to Lewdown Parish Council by: - BACs account No. **00744527**. Sort Code **30-98-46**. Ref. "**Project Fund**"

or

cash/cheque to the Parish Clerk, Portgate Chapel, Portgate, Lewdown, Okehampton, EX20 4PZ

Of

at Lewdown Parish Council Meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> September.

# **Stowford Church Sunday Lunch**

20<sup>th</sup> October 12.30 for 1.00pm Victory Hall - Lewdown



# Menu

3 Course Roast Lunch Inc. Glass Wine £12.50/person

**Grand Draw** 

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Churchwardens

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Meeting for Worship

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Contact - Kay Nicholson

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Okehampton

Every Sunday 10.30am.

Children's Meeting 2nd Sunday Community Centre, Okehampton Community College, Mill Road,

Okehampton.

Contact - Eleanor Flack 01837 53475

#### St. Mary the Virgin, Marystowe

Church services at 9.30am unless otherwise stated

1st Sun. in the month - Holy Communion • 3rd Sun. in the month - Family Service

# Worship in the Lifton Benefice - October

St. Mary, **Lifton** St. Nicholas, **Broadwoodwidger** St. Peter, **Lewtrenchard** St. Mary, **Kelly** St. John the Baptist, **Stowford** St. George, **Thrushelton** 

#### Services listed in alphabetical order:

6th Oct	11,15 am	Harvest Thanksgiving - Lifton followed by Bring & Share Lunch
	11.15 am	Holy Communion - Stowford
	9.30 am	Holy Communion - Thrushelton
13th Oct	9:30 am	Morning Prayer - Broadwoodwidger
	9.30 am	Service of the Word - Lifton
	11.15 am	Holy Communion - Lewtrenchard
20th Oct	9.30 am	Service of the Word - Lifton
	9.30 am	Holy Communion - Thrushelton
27th Oct	9.30 am	Holy Communion - Broadwoodwidger
	11.15 am	Holy Communion - Kelly with Bradstone
	9.30 am	Holy Communion - Lifton
	11.15am	Holy Communion - Lewtrenchard

There will be a short service on Wednesdays at 10.30am in Lifton.

Please email your services to Simon no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month for publication in The Community Newslink

	Bridestowe Methodist Church	
	Preachers for October	
	all services at 11.00am unless stated	
6th	R Shambles Harvest Festival	
13th	M Ford	
20th	D M James	
27th	Rev L Singleton	

#### MARYSTOWE CHURCH

I think we've all been thankful the glorious weather over the summer months and now, as we go into autumn, the churchyard is still looking really good, thanks to Dean Elliott & Son Garden Care, and volunteers, Chris Taylor, Ross Woods and the Martin family.

Our regular services have been well attended and numbers are still rising. I think we had 19 in the congregation at one of the July services! Many of us have enjoyed the United Benefice services held during August.

Erin and Duncan Dawe were baptised here on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> August during a very special service, which was conducted by Rev. Andy and attended by family and friends. The church was absolutely full and it was such a happy occasion! Money from the collection was shared equally between the Maternity Department at Exeter Hospital and Church Funds.

Our new fundraiser, the Double your Money Challenge began in July and envelopes with details are still available for anyone who is interested in taking part. The church will provide £10 and challenges you to double it (or more) by our Harvest Festival in October. A small prize will be given to the person who raises the most money. Please contact the treasurer Guy Talbot on 01822 860314 for further details.

We continue to offer greetings cards and second-hand books for sale in the Church and in the Schoolroom. If you have any books you have finished with, please call Barbara Dawe on 01566 784797. Collection can be arranged.

#### Dates for your diary

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am – **Harvest Festival**.

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# Stowford Parish Council



These abbreviated minutes are provisional until they are agreed and signed by the chair at the next meeting of the parish council.

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting (No 680) held on Tuesday 10th September 2019, 7.30pm at Stowford Hall

- 1. These abbreviated minutes are provisional until they are agreed and signed by the chair at the next meeting of the parish council.
- Members of the public present Open forum two members present. One parishioner raised a problem of overhanging trees on the highway. Parishioner to provide photos so that the clerk can report the problem with D.H.
- ${\it 2. Dispensations \& declarations of interest-Cllr \ Hennessey-Parish \ Hall \ committee \ member.}$
- 3. Planning Appeal notification 3337/18/OPA Outline planning permission for 3 dwellings, 2 in the grounds of the former car park and one log cabin in the existing stables. Location Royal Exchange Inn, Lewdown, Okehampton, EX20 4BX Council decision no further comment to WDBC
- 4. Finance -R.F.O. report after approved payments, the bank account would show a balance of £5092.76. Approved of payments for Clerk salary (July August) £215.80, Admin costs Postage and paper £12.77. Proposed Cllr Lorna St Louis, seconded Cllr Dunn. Items for inclusion for draft 2020-21 budget a provisional list of items for inclusion were read, it was resolved to draw up the draft budget from that list and that further consideration would need to take place in view of uncertainty over the legal expenses to draw up a lease agreement for the Parish Hall Committee. P.H.C. would in future charge £10 per meeting (no start date set). Additional bank signatory It was resolved to add Cllr Bowers to the banks authorised signatories.
- 5. Reports from Councillors Cllr Dunn mentioned that the weekly waste removal occasionally had inconsistencies with the different types of plastic waste, Cllr Edmonds replied suggesting that a greater range of types of waste would be recycled from October when the improved service would take effect. Cllr Lorna St Louis suggested that the Devon Highways roadwork's notifications should be disseminated to all parishioners via the Newslink magazine, clerk to arrange. Cllr Bones mentioned that D.C.C and DALC were making contingency plans for a No Deal Brexit with particular emphases on access to medications and food, Cllr Bones also suggested that the council take a proactive approach communicating with vulnerable parishioners in the community should a No Deal happen. Cllr Leroy St Louis provided details of a government check list should you need to undertake Brixit planning. For info visit websitehttps://www.gov.uk/get-ready-brexit-check
- 6. Report from Environment officer Cllr Bowers thought that a Bio diversity plan may best suit the parish, programmes such as Bat monitoring areas would be most useful, more information will be provided in the January meeting.
- 7. Reports from Cllr Edmonds; Kerb clearing, a contractor provided a quote of £600 to include the additional stretch of road from Sprytown Cross towards Tinhay. The pc thought that this was not good use of council funds and resolved to not pursue this further. Sudden Ash tree dieback disease is increasingly becoming problematical. The Woodland Trust does provide free packs of trees to schools and communities that wish to undertake a tree replanting programme. It was resolved that the council would look into

the imitative. D.C.C's environmental plan includes the encouragement of wild flowers and wildlife in roadside verges. The WDBC policy for maintenance of roadside verges was in line with that of DCC. Fly-tipping remains a problem, however the waste contractor would be able to provide a general surveillance programme in problem areas. W.D.B.C. had listened to the concerns of the pc regarding electronic planning applications, it would provide help when required. Consultation on Polling Districts and places would conclude on 20th September, The pc resolved that changes were not necessary. W.D.B.C. was making contingency plans for a No Deal Brexit.

- 8. Telephone Kiosk consultation for the removal of phone kiosk at Portgate Cross. It was resolved to approve the removal –Proposed Cllr Bones, seconded Cllr Dunn
- 9. Highways ENQ 191235230 The replacement finger sign was now in place.
- ENQ 1912522718 Missing/stolen Portgate Village sign, replacement would be 7-8 weeks.
- 10. Southern Links meeting 19th September, Cllr Bones to attend.
- 11. Parish Hall review of lease agreement (renewal date 7th September 2020) the Parish Hall Committee wished to renew the lease subject to agreement of terms and conditions. It was resolved to renew the lease with P.H.C. A preferred 30 year term (or as long as possible). It was also thought that the rent could remain unchanged at £1.00 per annum. Cllr Bowers to contact a solicitor to provide a quote for drawing up a new lease agreement.
- 12. Rubbish/ waste removal The area near the junction of the A30 is a susceptible area, councillor's and parishioners to report problems to W.D.B.C. the D.H or the PC.
- 13. Financial regulation (NALC version 2019) was reviewed and adopted. Proposed Cllr Bowers, seconded Cllr Leroy St Louis, signed by the chair.
- 14. Correspondence Okehampton District Transport group, request for grant funding, it was resolved to provide a grant to TASS instead who were thought to be currently providing a service in the parish. The Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue consultation period ends on 22nd September, details can be found on www.dsfire.gov.uk/SaferTogether/ServiceDeliveryConsultationTakePartInTheConsulation.
- 15. Recreation Ground The Parish Land s Trust had not responded to a verbal request to meet the council. It was resolved that the clerk write a letter to existing known board members of the P.L.T. so that the elected pc member can officially be included on the board.
- 16. Council representation for the Remembrance Service, Sunday 10th November, Cllrs Leroy St Louis and Cllr Lorna St Louis to attend.

Date, time and place of next meeting

The next meeting will be on 12th November, 7.30pm at Stowford Parish Hall

Parish Councillors
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Show president Roger Wonnacott presented retiring secretary Pat Andrews with a lovely bouquet of flowers to say 'Thank You' for all her hard work in the past, as well as presenting all the trophies and awards to the winners of the day!

The Lewdown Victory Hall Produce Show full report in now on the internet at the following URL—<a href="http://www.rawrationsplus.co.uk/lraarchive.html">http://www.rawrationsplus.co.uk/lraarchive.html</a>

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The LVH Challenge Cup	Winner: Pat Andrews		
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Best Exhibit of Sweet Peas	Winner: B.J Wonnacott		
The JB Hill Silver Challenge Cup	Winner: Tim Nash		
The Women's Institute Silver Challenge Cup	Winner: Marion Lethbridge		
The Young Farmers' Club Silver Challenge Cup	Winner: Becky Dennis		
The Mary Stuart Silver Challenge Cup	Winner: Nicola Nash		
A Silver Challenge Cup	Winner: Nicola Nash		
The Children's Silver Challenge Cup	Winner: Under 5 Hannah Hill, 5-8 Yrs Charlie Wyatt, 9-11 Yrs Ruby Wyatt		
The Chapman Silver Challenge Cup	Winner: Rosie Metherell		
A Silver Challenge Vase	Winner: Nicola Nash		
The Parkwood Trophy	Winner: Nicola Nash		
The John Hinks Memorial Trophy	Winner: Nikki Perkins (Class 53 Three Carrots)		
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